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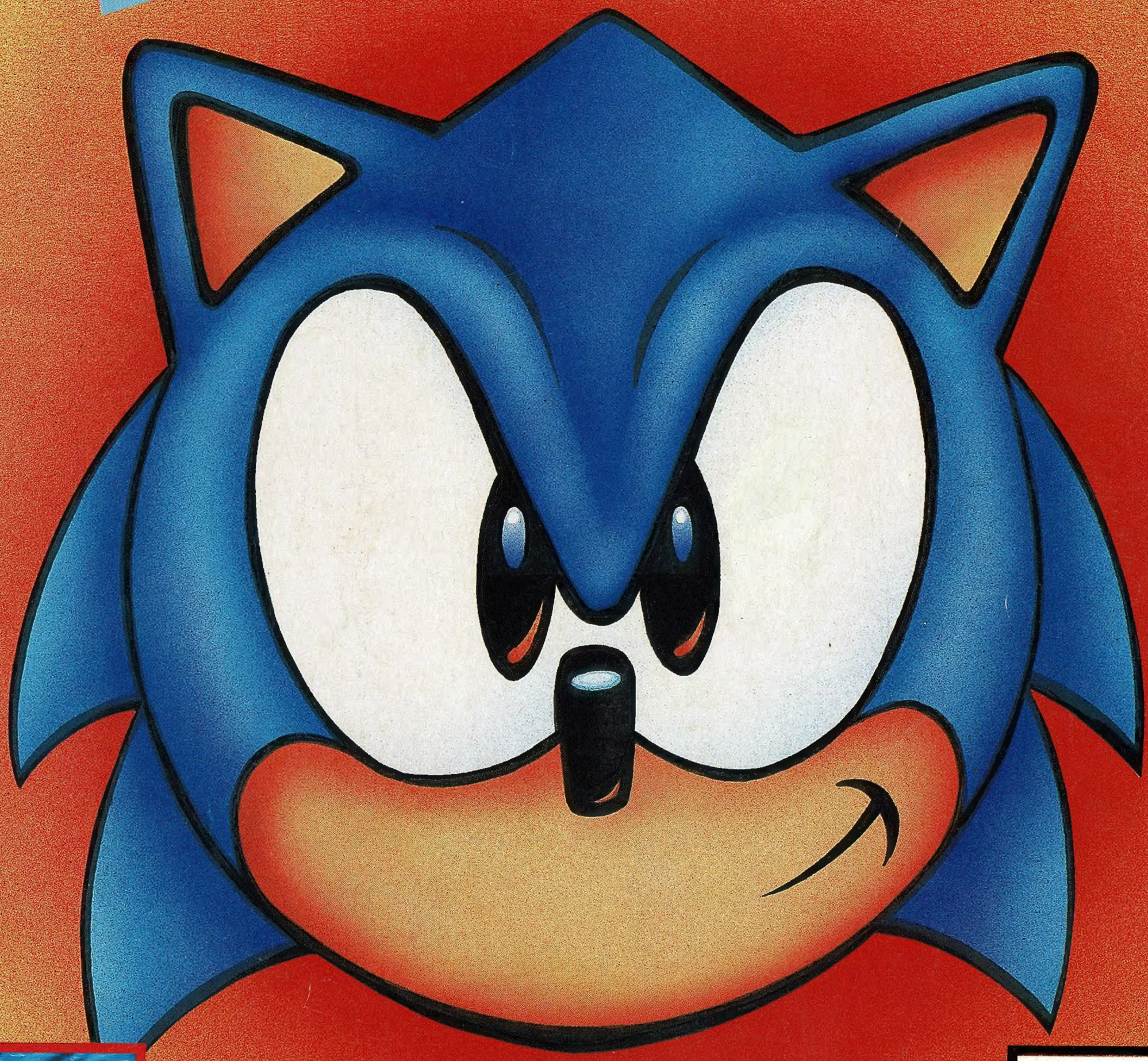

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IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ON TV!

Sonic fans all over Britain are tuning into Channel 4 on Sunday mornings to watch the **Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog** and discovering a new kind of Sonic. New characters, new looks and new stories. What's going on?

STC, in this special Poster Mag feature, takes a look at Sonic the TV star, what's new and what's different - and the secrets of the **second** Sonic cartoon TV series!

FIRST THE GAME
THEN THE COMIC
NOW...

Sonic the TV Show!

MEET THE MAIN STARS OF THE
ADVENTURES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

SONIC

The fastest, coolest blue hedgehog in the known universe! The TV Sonic (not to be confused with the game or comic versions) is a hot-headed 15 year-old and a fugitive with a price on his head. Sonic and his young pal, Tails, travel the planet Mobius always one step ahead of the evil Doctor Robotnik and his S.S.S.S.S. (Super Special Sonic Search and Smash) Squad. However, they always have time to stop and help out the inhabitants of Mobius who are suffering under Robotnik's plans to take over the planet. One thing's for sure, whatever those plans are, Sonic will put a stop to them!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK

The Rotten Egg himself. Self-styled brilliant scientist, inventor and egomaniac. Loves anything to do with eggs and chickens. Robotnik's dream is to turn Mobius into a perfect place to live, without music, fun or any living creatures! One thing stops his plans - Sonic The Hedgehog. Robotnik hates Sonic with a vengeance and, as well as putting out a reward for his capture, has created two robots named Scratch and Grounder who serve as his Super Special Sonic Search and Smash Squad.

MILES TAILS PROWER

Young, very young, Tails idolises Sonic and follows him everywhere. This, of course, gets Tails in a lot of trouble with Robotnik - and Sonic! However, Tails can get himself out of a lot of sticky situations by twisting up his twin tails like rubber bands, leaping into the air, unwinding them and flying! Tails grew up in the country and knows lots about bugs, birds, secret hiding places and stuff.

SCRATCH

Scratch describes himself as 'superbly chicken-shaped' because he believes his creator, Doctor Robotnik, likes him best. Supremely arrogant, Scratch considers himself far smarter and sneakier than his brother robot, **Grounder**, a tracked robot who tends to fall to pieces a lot. Scratch and Grounder's job is to catch Sonic at all costs but their efforts are often scuppered by **Coconuts**, a monkey-shaped robot. Coconuts is jealous of Scratch and Grounder because he didn't get the job as chief of the S.S.S.S.S. Squad. He is desperate to get back into Robotnik's good books.

Screen Shots

A quick peek at some of the crazy characters and wild goings on in the life of TV's newest superstar - Sonic The Hedgehog!

Secrets of the 2 Sonic Series!

Shhh, don't tell anyone, but there's a secret about the Sonic TV show. There's not just one of them - there's two!

Take a look at the pictures of nasty old Doctor Robotnik here. No, that's not his evil twin brother on the right, that's Doctor Robotnik from the second series of Sonic TV cartoon adventures, simply titled ***Sonic The Hedgehog****.*

Both series have been produced in America and both are planned to be shown on Channel 4 in Britain. But how do spot the differences, apart from in the corpulent form of Robotnik? Follow STPM's rough guide to Sonic on TV:

SERIES 1: ADVENTURES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

In this, the first and longest series, Robotnik is plotting to take over Mobius but is thwarted by the good deeds of Sonic and his pal Tails. To put a stop to the pair he declares Sonic a fugitive and sets up the S.S.S.S.S. Squad to pursue Sonic and Tails all over the planet.

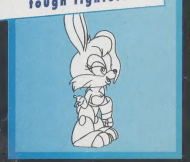
The Squad is primarily composed of two specially-built robots, Scratch and Grounder, who compete to catch Sonic and so become Robotnik's 'favourite'. However, Coconuts, the robot monkey, who feels cheated out of the job as leader of the Squad, is also on the trail, determined to get back into his master's good books. Between the three of them they just about mess up every attempt to capture the coolest, fastest blue hedgehog in the world.

Meanwhile, in between scuppering Robotnik's evil plans and avoiding being captured by the S.S.S.S.S. Squad, Sonic and Tails take time to help out the innocent people of Mobius with their problems. To them Sonic is a true hero and their only chance to avoid coming under the cruel dictatorship of Doctor Robotnik.

Needless to say, as soon as old Egg-Breath hears Sonic and Tails are helping out the locals he despatches Scratch and Grounder to get them. This means our two heroes are always on the run, unable to stay in one place for too long.

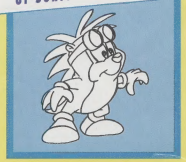
THE GOOD GUYS

Bunnie Rabbot: Super tough fighter.



Antoine D'Coolette: Protector of Princess Sally.

Freedom Fighter: One of Sonic's force.



SERIES 2: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Shock! Horror! Robotnik has taken over! He has outlawed fun, closed schools and libraries and turned the city of Robotropolis, formerly Mobotropolis, into a sprawling, polluted nightmare. His teams of Swat-Bots roam the streets capturing the residents and turning them into robot slaves for Robotnik's factories.

In this second TV series, Sonic leads the Freedom Fighters. They have a secret base called Knothole in the Great Forest from where they work to bring the dead parts of Mobius back to life and try to stop Robotnik spreading his evil rule even further.

Sonic and Tails are joined by a whole cast of new characters: PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, daughter of the King of Mobius, who has mysteriously disappeared; ANTOINE D'COOLETTE, snobbish member of the King's Royal Guard, who rescued Sally and would do anything for her; BUNNIE RABBOT, super-strong and part robot thanks to an encounter with Robotnik's fiendish machines; BOOMER, a sea lion whose fish breath can stop anyone at 20 metres and a whole host of other freedom fighters.

Doctor Robotnik, apart from getting a new 'imperial' look, has some new minions to help him with his dirty work: SNIVELY, his assistant, who has ambitions of power himself; CRABMEAT, a giant robotic shellfish with a nasty temper and a deep hatred of hedgehogs, CLUCK, Robotnik's vicious pet robot chicken and BUZZBOMBER, a mutant dragonfly with built-in afterburners, laser-cannons and hedgehog seeking missiles.

The stage is set for some high-speed adventures as Sonic and his pals take on Robotnik and his Swat-Bots in a fight to save the planet Mobius itself.

THE BAD GUYS

Snively: Robotnik's assistant.

Cluck: finger snickin' pet chick.

Swatbot: Robotnik's terror trooper.

WHAT TO SEE ON SONIC TV!

*A short guide to just some of the new TV **Adventures of Sonic The Hedgehog** which can be seen every Sunday morning on Channel 4. How many have you seen?*

Super Sonic Search and Smash Squad

Sonic outsmarts Coconuts, then stumbles into a Convention of Bounty Hunter Robots where Robotnik puts a price on his head. After Sonic defeats all the Robot Bounty Hunters, Robotnik creates Scratch and Grounder to be his S.S.S.S.S. Squad. And, after several attempts, they finally capture Sonic. Thanks to a screw-up by Coconuts, Sonic escapes and has the last laugh.

Subterranean Sonic

Sonic and Tails find an underground world of diamonds, but they are held captive there by the miserly Mole-Troll. When Robotnik comes to capture them, he accidently frees them from the Mole-Troll, who teams up with Sonic and Tails to defend his riches.

Lovesick Sonic

Sonic saves a damsel in distress, and falls in love with her, not knowing she's a robot built by Robotnik. But when she has a chance to trap him, she helps him escape, realising she has fallen for him.

Slow Going

When Scratch and Grounder use Robotnik's new Slo-Mo Ray Gun to capture Sonic, Tails rescues him by reversing the gun and turning it on a tribe of friendly Tree Sloth People, who become a high speed commando strike force against Robotnik.

High-Stakes Sonic

Tails and other Mobius citizens are lured into Robotnik's robotic games of chance, and when they lose they're sent to slave labour camps. Sonic rescues Tails and the others by beating the house in games of 'chance' at Robotnik's casino and outsmarting the robots in a climactic chase.

Sonic Breakout

In order to free Sketch Lampoon (a satirical comic book artist) from Robotnik's new high-security prison, Sonic allows himself to be captured, then makes a high speed rescue and escape.

Trail of the Missing Tails

When Tails gets trapped in the 'Warp of Confusion' (an Escher-like world of another dimension) by Robotnik's cousin, Doctor Warpnik, Sonic comes to the rescue and traps Robotnik and his badniks in the warp.

Way, Way Out There

Sonic and Tails befriend a pair of aliens who crash-land their spaceship on Mobius. Sonic has to avoid Robotnik's ULTRA-GRAVISER (sort of a hedgehog flypaper) to help fix their ship and blast off back home.

Momma Robotnik's Birthday

Robotnik's 'momma' escapes from the home for mothers of villains and demands her birthday present! When she endangers Sonic and Tails, and they manage to have her taken back to the home, even Robotnik is glad to see her go.

Big Daddy

Coconuts is exiled by Robotnik to a remote jungle, where he uses a giant baby ape to destroy villages. But Sonic exposes Coconuts as a robot, and the baby ape's real dad takes Coconuts and the baby ape away for a spanking.

Sonic's Song

Outraged by a new hit song written about Sonic, Robotnik outlaws music on Mobius then takes pop star, Catty Carlisle captive. With his MD (Music Destroyer) Robotnik terrorises the music loving Mobius population till Sonic rescues Catty, and brings back the music.

Birth of a Salesman

A fast-talking, travelling salesman named Wes Weasley sells Robotnik various hedgehog-catching gadgets, including the Darkenator, the super-duper Gravity Stopper, and the De-Atomiser. Scratch and Grounder reverse the switch on the De-Atomiser and accidently clone Sonic five times. And five Sonics are better than one.

Best Hedgehog

Sonic rescues Lucas, a rival of Robotnik's, from Robotnik's dungeons. But Robotnik will do anything to keep Lucas from finding his lost love, Lucinda, including proposing to her himself. When she says yes, Robotnik is happily surprised, till the wedding veil is removed, to reveal Sonic.

Psuedo Sonic

Mobius is suffering a crime spree and all the evidence points to Sonic as the culprit. But the real thief is a lab rat wearing a high-tech vehicle suit who was sent by Robotnik to discredit our hero. When Sonic becomes ill, Tails uses the suit to try to be a hero. Sonic leaves his sickbed and saves the day.

Grounder the Genius

When Hacker, an adolescent male computer whiz steals a super-intelligence program from Robotnik's computer, Sonic has to protect him, smashing Grounder to pieces. But when Grounder puts himself together, he accidently installs the intelligence program. Now that Grounder is a genius, he invents a petrifying ray, turns Sonic to stone, and Hacker and Tails come to the rescue.

Tails in Charge

Sonic leaves Tails in charge of protecting a squirrel village food supply, when he zips off to stop a dam from breaking. Robotnik sends Scratch and Grounder after Tails, who defends himself the best he can with 'Home Alone' booby traps for Scratch and Grounder. When Tails is finally caught, Sonic speeds back to save him.

Sno Problem

Robotnik installs a new 'obedience microchip' in Scratch and Grounder and orders them to drill for a rare mineral in a tropical mountain. With his Freezomatic machine, Robotnik covers the mountain in ice and runs a Hermit out of his home. After getting smashed, Scratch and Grounder's microchip is scrambled and they think Sonic is their leader. But with friends like Scratch and Grounder, who needs enemies.

Submerged Sonic

When Robotnik invades Labyrinth, an underwater city, and kidnaps Princess Bubbles, a seahorse-dude named Surff seeks Sonic's help. It seems Surff and the Princess are in love, but the royal family deems Surff 'unworthy'. Sonic, Tails and Surff must avoid the undersea traps and Mobius sea monsters while Sonic rescues the Princess and reunites her with Surff - making it look like Surff did the whole thing.

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